

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Door County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

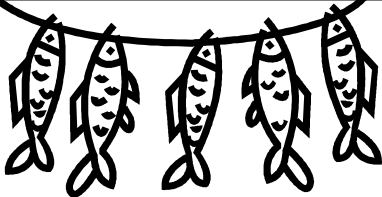
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Door County, **29,142** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In 2013, **Newport, Peninsula, Rock Island, Whitefish Dunes and Potawatomi State Parks** brought in over **1,638,964 visitors** to the county, resulting in an estimated **\$65,501,609 in local revenue**.

Door County was awarded **\$1,114,179** for projects such as **snowmobile trail maintenance, Nicolet Beach shelter and the Door County Cana Island Lighthouse Park Land addition**.

Door County continues to lead in efforts to restore beaches along its coastline, completing another restoration early this year at **Washington Island's Gislason Beach**.

Door County has over **17,685 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **265 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Door County.

Community Partnerships

The DNR invested **\$2,527,333** in recent state properties in **Door County**, including \$1,810,954 for Peninsula State Park upgrades, including electrification of campsites.

The DNR has strong relationships with Door County through its **Citizen-based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists, working together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recently, DNR partnered with the **Ridges Sanctuary** and provided funding to establish a **citizen-based flying squirrel monitoring program**.

Door County has 455 public water systems that the **DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water**.

Snapshot of grants in Door County

Over the past three years, **DNR has awarded Door County more than \$1 million in Targeted Runoff Management grants** for cost-share assistance to private farms to address agricultural nonpoint sources of pollution.

**Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

Forestry Activities

Door County has 4,974 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since June 2010, DNR has **provided over \$32,253 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$33,407 to local Fire Departments** in Door County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Two communities in Door County have received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014, which has helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since 2005, **over 2,161 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Door County. The harvests provided over **\$59,828 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 350 contaminated properties resulting in 166 acres being made available for reuse**. DNR staff assures these cleanups **provide long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to **38 spills of hazardous materials over the past 3 years**.

DNR provided \$94,479 in reimbursements over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Door County

In 2014, Door County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 3,759 deer were registered in Door County with 848 harvested during archery deer season and 2,911 harvested during the gun deer season.